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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: QATAR/BAHRAIN DISPUTE OVER HWAR ISLAND: AMIR OF
QATAR OPTIMISTIC ON SAUDI MEDIATION

REF: 76 DOHA 1195 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING FEB 15 CONVERSATION, AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA
BIN HAMAD AL THANI, TOLD ME THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRINCE
FAHD DURING FEB 10 VISIT TO RIYADH SAUDI MEDIATION EFFORT ON
HWAR ISLAND DISPUTE.

2. ACCORDING KHALIFA, CONVERSATION WITH FAHD HAD LEFT HIM
OPTIMISTIC THAT SAUDIS WOULD COME UP WITH SOLUTION. KHALIFA
INDICATED THAT FAHD WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY "UNASSAILABLE
LOGIC" OF GOQ'S CLAIM TO HWAR. IN ANY CASE, SAID KHALIFA,
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HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SAUDIS WOULD DO RIGHT AND HOPEFULLY
IN NEAR FUTURE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, AMIR ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT HIS OPTIMISM WAS LARGELY SELF-GENERATED, AND HE COMMENTED
WRYLY THAT HE SUPPOSED IT WAS MEDIATOR'S JOB AT THIS STAGE TO
TELL EACH PARTY WHAT HE THOUGHT IT WISHED TO HEAR.

3. AMIR IMPLIED THAT GOQ DISPOSED TO BE REASONABLE AND

FLEXIBLE, AND DOES NOT WISH TO AGITATE ISSUE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE CITED GOQ'S CONTINUED BAN ON U.S./GERMAN CONSORTIUM'S DRILLING EXPLORATORY OIL WELL IN DISPUTED ZONE, EVEN THOUGH COMPANY CONSIDERS THIS PROMISING AREA.
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